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St. Patrick's Day March 17, 1987 Leprechaun and Irish Maiden.

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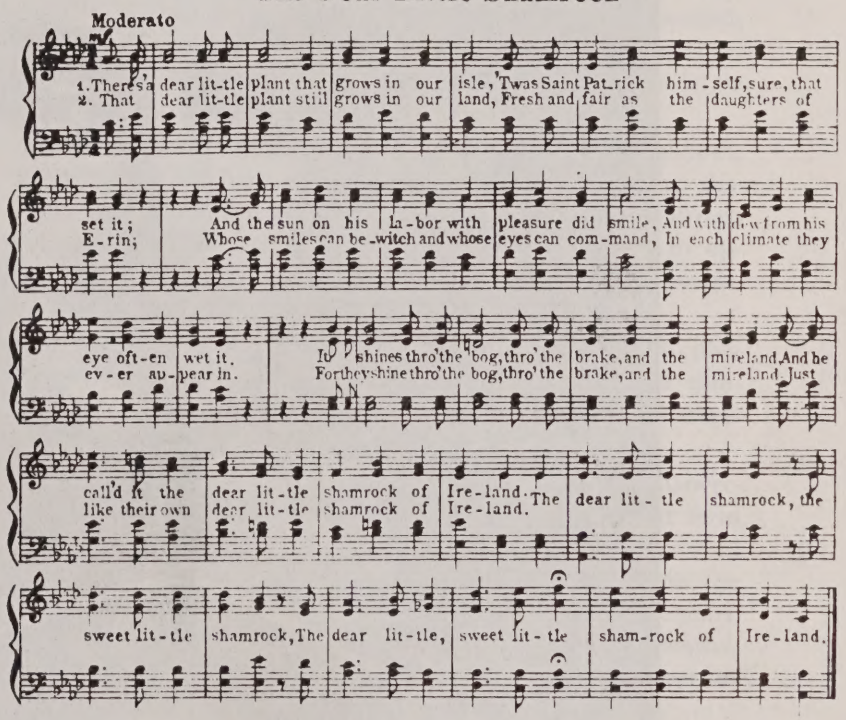
The Dear Little Shamrock



OUR IRISH NEIGHBORS

Soon our Irish descent neighbors will be celebrating St. Patrick's day on March the 17th. In 432 A.D. , Bishop Patrick labored for 30 years converting natives on the Emerald Isle to Christianity. The "wearing of the green" features the Shamrock for this occasion.

"Oh Paddy dear and did you hear the news that's going round ? The Shamrock is forbid by law to grow on Irish ground."

The Irish have contributed to our 'melting pot' with their beauty of sentimental songs and charming wit. The Isle is noted for its many tenors. "When Irish eyes are smiling sure tis like a morn in spring--in the lilt of Irish laughter you can hear the Angels sing." Did "Kathleen" ever arrive home ? How about--"They sprinkled it with Stardust just to make the Shamrock grow" and the lively tales they tell about the 'Leprechauns'--don't you know ? How they delight in yarns about the "wee folk" or fairies who, if you can catch one, will show you where a treasure is. They found it best to settle in our north part of Town in the Charles River areas.

Reprinted from our December, 1974 "Crimpville Comments" and the 1969 History of Bellingham, Massachusetts.

Richard Bellingham

1591 - 1672

THE Town of Bellingham was named for the third governor of the colony of Massachusetts Bay, a puritan lawyer, Sir Richard Bellingham. Sir Bellingham, whose name is preserved in Hawthorne's famous "Scarlet Letter", was born in England in 1591 and educated as a lawyer there.

THIS PORTRAIT OF RICHARD BELLINGHAM, GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS, IS THE FIRST PORTRAIT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN PAINTED IN THIS COUNTRY. IT WAS PAINTED BY WILLIAM READ AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR IN 1641

Sir Richard Bellingham was one of the original twenty-six members to draw up the Massachusetts Bay Colony Charter, established in Boston by Puritan leaders for religious and political refuge. Settlers in Boston could not become citizens until they joined the church and were accepted as free men by vote.

Sir Bellingham arrived in Boston with his wife Elizabeth and son Samuel in 1634. The following year he was made Deputy Governor and member of a military commission for public defense granting him extraordinary powers, including the penalty of death. In 1641, he won the election as Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony by six votes. Because election results were so close, the General Court repealed the Governor's annual grant of 100 pounds, and Sir Bellingham went without salary until October 1643, when the court finally voted him 50 pounds annually.

Bellingham, whose wife Elizabeth passed away before he was elected, lived alone with his son Samuel on Tremont St. in Boston, opposite King's Chapel Burying Ground.

Shortly after his election, Governor Bellingham married Miss Penelope Pelham in defiance of the court, by not publishing his marriage contract where he was resident, also defying the law of the land by performing the marriage himself. This strange yet remarkable marriage is described in Carpenter's "Woman of Shawmut".

Though there is no historical account of the marriage, it is said that Miss Pelham was about to marry a friend of Bellingham's "when on a sudden, the Governor treated with her and obtained her for himself."

When Penelope's brother Herbert reminded the Governor that bans had already been published between his sister and another man, he also asked if under these circumstances, ministers or magistrates would marry them. Bellingham replied, "Is not the Governor of Massachusetts Bay a magistrate who outranks them all?" Herbert, bowing low to the Governor, replied it was so. It was then, Bellingham, seizing Penelope's hand, led her to the center of the room and with his arm around her, ordered Herbert to call forth everyone in "thy household and they shall see Governor Bellingham's power."

Once everyone was assembled, the Governor asked "Penelope Pelham, wilt thou, in the presence of these people, take Richard Bellingham to be thy lawful husband?" She answering softly, "Yes", he continued, "And I, Richard Bellingham, will take thee Penelope to wife. I, the Governor of His Majestry's Colony of Massachusetts Bay, do pronounce and declare that Richard Bellingham and Penelope Pelham are man and wife together. The King shall be my witness."

"The case of Richard Bellingham for breach of order to the court" was presented at the next session of magistrates. Bellingham, who presided, refused to leave his seat and stand at the bar, asking, "Who will command me?" There is no record of further action in the case.

Bellingham's term of office was not smooth. He had a domineering and quarrelsome disposition though a good legal mind and Puritan conscience. Bellingham, who was always in opposition and unfriendly towards other magistrates, lost much respect.

Before his year in office ended, Deputies, with whom he had been more friendly, sent a committee "to give him solemn admonition," something never before done to a Governor.

Bellingham was again elected Deputy Governor in 1653, followed by another one year term as Governor. This term consequently proved unsuccessful as he became Deputy Governor the following year, remaining so for eleven years, when as the only survivor of the original founders of the Colony, once again became Governor and held this office till death.

Governor Bellingham, who died December 7, 1672, rests in the northwest corner of the Granary Burying Ground in Boston. The inscription on his tomb reads:

Virtue's fast friend within this tomb doth lie,
A foe to bribes, but rich in charity.

1591-1672

A donor's name list will appear in the #98 issue.

LETTERS

FROM

READERS

From John Cubellis, "The Italian Family Restaurant" in Buzzards Bay, MA.

" Thank you so much for sending me the Comments. I really appreciate it very much. I'm 69 years old. I got married late in life at 52 years. I now have one son who is in the ninth grade at Sacred Heart School in Plymouth, MA.--he looks exactly like ME I also have a set of twins, a boy and a girl aged 9. One daughter, age 7, also a lovely wife. I would like to know very much how many of my classmates are alive and well? Maybe we could have a reunion together.

Thank you Kindly
E. J. Cubellis."

--And from Laurens, South Carolina:
"Thanks--it keeps me in touch with home"
William C. White, JR."

Then from "Pete DiPietro" Franklin, MA.:

"Thank you for the many pleasant hours I have spent reading the Crimpville Comments - Brings back old memories, happy days as a boy in Bellingham Center, the children, teachers, neighbors and friends-- Keep up the good work. ORLANDO."

TIME--

In a recent discovery they have developed a time piece that is so accurate, to within one second in 150,000 years!

On December 23rd we were able via TV to see an historic FIRST. The "VOYAGER" airplane landed in California after flying around the world, non-stop, without refueling by two pilots in over nine days. This was human endurance that seemed impossible.

We would like you to know that Ruth Bates Carr sent her greeting wishing you "the joy of Christmas that it may stay with you throughout the New Year." Also looking forward to the next issue of the "Comments." Thanks, Ruth.

"While on a recent visit with relatives in Bellingham, I was shown your newspaper which I enjoyed immensely!

Kindly put me on your mailing list. I spent many happy years in my youth in Bellingham and I was nostagic when I read about so many families names. Many thanks and a successful Happy New Year. Rachel Martel Boyaval." Now, aren't you glad that Rachel has "come back" home again ? We are. There's a surprise in store for her in her future!

In MEMORIAM to a PIONEER spirit of Bellingham, Edward Sawyer, founder of and ceaseless promoter of our "Crimpville Comments" who passed beyond the vale of this life on February 2, 1974; we bow in humble gratitude for the joy that his efforts and foresight has brought to countless old timers of Bellingham.

His keen interest in the steam locomotive that ran in his home area was amazing and, somehow we feel that he is riding that celestial train while "blowing" the whistle for all he is worth, not realizing that we, poor 'earthly' folk, cannot hear that beautiful, haunting sound o'er hill and dale so dear to his heart! Not even the famous "Ghost Train", that roared along the tracks in South Bellingham, can be 'heard' any more. Thanks, Eddy, for the rich treasure in nostalgia that you inspired in us for these 14 years. We are sure that many others will express this humble feeling of gratitude and praise. SO, let us keep his memory 'green'.

FOR EASIER RIDING?

The contracts on which bids are asked call for construction of 10.36 miles of gravey surfaced road.

—Salt Lake City (Utah) Tribune.

1937 was only fifty years ago--'member ? Bet you don't dare to 'member!

There's a few who are still active; so to them --Greetings and Best Wishes.

Your Bellingham Historical Commission.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1937-1938

School Committee

Name	Residence	Term Expires
Lionel R. Trudeau, Chairman	South Bellingham	1938
Daniel J. Breen	North Bellingham	1939
Raymond Stenson, Secretary	South Bellingham	1940

Superintendent of Schools

JOHN H. GOTSCHALL, B. S., Ed. M., Office: Bellingham Center School. The Superintendent may be seen at his office personally by appointment, practically any time.

List of Teachers

BELLINGHAM CENTER SCHOOL

Name	Where Educated	Degree or yrs. attended	Position	Began Service
Mabel D. DeCell, Principal	New Britain Normal	2	Grades 6	1929
Thomas Riley	Holy Cross College	Ph.B.	Grade 5	1937
Anna Heroux	Framingham Normal	2	Grades 3, 4	1927
Marian Gallipeau	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	B.S.	Grades 1,2	1937

NORTH BELLINGHAM SCHOOL

George C. Roy, Principal	Providence College	B.A.	Grades 7, 8	1936
Agnes Riley	Worcester Normal	2	Grades 5, 6	1927
Clara Macey	Summer Sessions, Hyannis	2	Grades 3, 4	1913
Dorothy Dillon	Framingham Normal	3	Grades 1, 2	1936
Gertrude Quinlan	Emmanuel College	B.A.	Special	1937

SOUTH BELLINGHAM SCHOOL

Edward J. Leahy, Principal	Gorham Normal, Bridgewater	B.S.	Grade 8	1935
James J. Keough	Providence College	B.A.	Grade 6	1936
Francis O'Mara	Holy Cross College	B.A.	Grade 7	1937
Chilistine M. Negrotti	Worcester Normal	B.S.	Grade 5	1929
Mildred Trafton	Gorham Normal	2	Grade 4	1928
Gertrude Rhodes	Summer Session, Hyannis		Grade 3	1921
Marguerite F. Moran	Framingham Normal	2	Grade 2	1931
Mae Ryan	Worcester Normal	2	Grade 1	1922
Isabella Murphy	Regis College	B.A.	Grade 1	1936
Mary Lomax	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	B.S.	Grades 3, 5	1937
Linda Branca	Salem Normal	B.S.	Opportunity	1937

School Nurses

Helen Grady, R. N. — Milford District Nursing Association—Tel. Mil. 862
Ann Edwards, R. N. — Assistant

Janitors

Michael Ryan	North School	North Bellingham
Carleton Gaskill	Center School	Bellingham
John McCarthy	South School	So. Bellingham

Transportation Agents

Johnson Bus Lines — High School, Scott Hill, Rakeville, North, and Center Routes, Milford

Recently we received a most delightful surprise from Mrs. Ernest Jerrett in Bellingham of a booklet on the "Constitution of the Society for detecting HORSE THIEVES in the towns of Mendon, Bellingham, Milford, and Hopedale, with the names of the members, October 1, 1894. Organized December 21, 1795."

Our story in issue #95 led to this discovery when she found a box that had at one time belonged to Eugene Webber, many old items such as the above and other old Town Reports.

We are so grateful to her for thinking of us in order that so priceless an item can be shared with you and to preserve it for others for unusual happenings from the past that might have been lost forever. Now that you have seen this; is there something that you can pass on for the enjoyment of others?

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOCIETY FOR DETECTING HORSE THIEVES

IN THE

TOWNS OF MENDON, BELLINGHAM, MILFORD AND HOPEDALE,

WITH THE

NAMES OF THE MEMBERS,

OCTOBER 1, 1894.

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 21, 1795.

MILFORD, MASS.:
G. M. BILLINGS, PRINTER, GAZETTE OFFICE.
1894.

CONSTITUTION

Of the SOCIETY FOR DETECTING HORSE THIEVES in the towns of Mendon, Bellingham, Milford and Hopedale.

ARTICLE I.

The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, a Committee on Accounts of not less than five members, and a Pursuing Committee of not less than twelve members.

ARTICLE II.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the society, to preserve order, and to perform any other duties hereinafter provided. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside.

ARTICLE III.

It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep correct records of the doings of the society, notify all officers of their election, notify all meetings of the society by posting up notifications of the time, place and purposes thereof at two public places in each of the towns of Mendon, Bellingham, Milford, and Hopedale, seven days at least before the meeting, make a sworn certificate of the due service of said notice on the records, which certificate, for all purposes, shall be *prima facie* proof that said meeting was duly notified; and whenever new rules are adopted, he shall, at the expense of the society, print a sufficient number of copies, with the names of the members appended thereto, to supply the members. His compensation shall be $5 per annum.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the society, to keep the same deposited as hereinafter provided, to pay all orders drawn by the Committee on Accounts, or a majority of the same, and to render annually a statement of his accounts. He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties as Treasurer, with sureties and in a sum satisfactory to a majority of the Committee on Accounts. His compensation shall be $3 per annum.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Accounts to examine all demands brought against the society, and to draw their orders on the Treasurer for the payment of such as they shall approve, and to audit the Treasurer's account on or before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

It shall be the duty of the Pursuing Committee, upon notice satisfactory to any three of them that a horse belonging to any member of the society has been stolen, to take such immediate and efficient measures for the recovery of the property and the arrest of the thief, as they may deem judicious and expedient; they may offer a reward therefor not exceeding $20 in behalf of said society. They shall keep an account of all necessary expenses in said pursuit, and render the same to the Committee on Accounts, and the same if approved by the said Committee on Accounts shall be paid forthwith.

Article VII.

Any inhabitant of either of the towns of Mendon, Bellingham, Milford, or Hopedale may become a member of this society by signing these articles and paying the Secretary the sum of one dollar for the use of the society; but such membership shall terminate if any such person shall cease to be an inhabitant of some one of said towns. All rights of a deceased member shall continue to his legal representatives for one year after his decease, and then terminate.

Article VIII.

The funds of this society shall be deposited in some Savings Bank within said district in the name of the society, and no funds shall be withdrawn from said bank, except on the order of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer for the time being, who shall be authorized to draw the same; provided that the Treasurer shall be authorized to hold in his hands undeposited a sum not exceeding thirty dollars to meet the contingent expenses.

Article IX.

No member whose horse shall be stolen at a greater distance than thirty miles from his place of residence shall be entitled to the aid of the society in the pursuit of such horse or thief.

Article X.

The annual meeting of the society shall be holden on the last Monday in October, at 1 o'clock p. m., in the towns of Mendon, Bellingham, Milford, and Hopedale, alternately. Special meetings may be called by the President or Vice-President upon the application, in writing, of any ten members of the society. The election of officers shall be made at the annual meeting, but any vacancies may be filled at a special meeting called for that purpose. All warrants for any meeting shall set forth the time, place and purposes of the meeting.

Article XI.

Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may legally adjourn a meeting.

Article XII.

Whenever the funds belonging to said society shall amount to fifteen hundred dollars, one thousand dollars of the same shall be divided equally among the members; *provided* that no person shall be entitled to a share in such division who has not been a member at least one year when such division is determined.

Article XIII.

These articles may be altered or amended at any meeting duly called for that purpose.

Article XIV.

All articles in the Constitution heretofore existing are hereby repealed.

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

MENDON.

Adams, David
Adams, Horace C.
Aldrich, Marcus M.
Aldrich, Benjamin F.
Aldrich, Horace S.
Allen, George F.
Bates, Joseph
Bates, Elias T.
Bates, Lewis
Bennett, David W.
Briggs, Rufus B.
Brown, Henry W.
Cook, Clark
Cook, Alderman C.
Darling, Albert N.
Davenport, Adaline A.
Davenport, Austin D.
Davenport, John L.
Dewolfe, George H.
Dudley, Silas
Dudley, Silas A.
Fletcher, Charles
Fletcher, Charles A.
Freeman, Liberty
Gaskill, Albert W.
Gaskill, Gilbert
George, Nathan R.
George, Julius A.
Gould, Willis
Gunn, Francis B.
Hayward, John R.
Holeran, Dennis
Jennison, George W.
Nelson, William W.
Newhall, James M.
Rhodes, Irvin O.
Scribner, Abram P.
Smith, Edward L.
Stevens, Frank E.
Taft, Alanson
Taft, Austin A.
Taft, Edward H.
Taft, George M.
Taft, Luther E.
Thayer, George E.
Wilcox, Samuel W.
Williams, Charles B.
Wood, Frank H.
Wood, John C.
Worthen, George W.

BELLINGHAM.

Adams, David F.
Adams, Walter S.
Barber, Adams J. jr.
Bullard, Addison E.
Bullard, Otto L.
Burr, William A.
Burr, Seneca
Chilson, Orrin
Chilson, John D.
Connolley, Maurice J.
Cook, Emory B.
Cook, N. A.
Cook, Proctor P.
Coombs, William A.
Crooks, Amos D.
Darling, Samuel
Fairbanks, Calvin
Fairbanks, Warren E.
Fisk, Joseph
Foster, Roland E.
Grant, Elbridge
Lazell, Warren
McKean, William A.
Metcalf, Francis
Metcalf, E. B.
Nelson, George
Bates, Francis A.
Bates, Alanson
Billings, Milton R.
Norcross, Ellis T.
Pickering, Albert S.
Pickering, Edwin F.
Pickering, Henry W.
Rhodes, Orville C.
Rhodes, William O.
Rockwood, Varnum B.
Sanborn, Nathan W.
Scott, Edgar M.
Sherborn, Fred A.
Stowe, Elijah B.
Taylor, M. B.
Thayer, Ruel F.
Thayer, L. Francis
Thayer, Merrick P.
Thompson, William
Ware, Albert O.
White, Carroll E.
Whitney, Henry A.
Wight, Addison S.
Williams, Lewis A.
Wilcox, Jerauld O.

MILFORD.

Alden, Elliot
Allen, Addison H.
Baker, William H.
Ball, Homer T.
Ballou, George B.
Barns, John
Billings, William L.
Birch, George F.
Cheney, Silas
Claflin, Ethan C.
Clark, Chester L.
Clarke, William J.
Cook, Amory B.
Cook, Alonzo S.
Cook, Solon S.
Cook, J. I. C.
Cook, L. H.
Cushman, Henry S.
Daniels, John P.
Davis, Isaac N.
Dearing, Henry J.
Eaton, John M.
Eastman, S. Alden
Ellis, Charles R.
Ellis, Frederick L.
Ellis, George W.

MEMBERS. 9

Fairbanks, Leonard
Field, Zibeon C.
Greene, George M.
Griffin, John
Grow, Lysander
Hapgood, Solon E.
Harrington, Richard P.
Harris, Bethuel E.
Haskell, James F.
Hayward, Samuel W.
Hayward, Lewis
Hazard, Lewis R.
Hill, Ralph C.
Hooker, William H.
Hunt, Leonard
Jenks, D. B.
Keene, Augustus W.
Kinney, A. C.
Knight, G. B.
Littlefield, J. W.
Lynch, Patrick
Mackin, Charles
Mathewson, Stephen
Mead, John S.
Mead, Edwin B.
Miller, William P.
Morgan, Henry E.
Morse, T. E.
Nelson, Otis T.
Parkhurst, Nelson
Pickering, A. S.
Prentice, E. J.
Putnam, Austin F.
Rice, J. Allen
Roberts, J. W.
Russell, Dwight
Scott, Clinton R.
Scott, John D.
Sherborn, George A.
Spaulding, B. H.
Staples, William H.
Sumner, Sullivan C.
Taft, Edwin B.
Thayer, Maria A.
Thayer, Henry B.
Tougas, L. T.
Underwood, Orison
Vant, E. A.
Wales, Charles A.
Wilkinson, Alexander T.
Williams, Gustavus B.
Wires, E. L.
Withington, Asaph

HOPEDALE.

Bancroft, Joseph B.
Bancroft, Eben D.
Burr, H. Melvin
Chilson, Albert G.
Colburn, Charles H.
Draper, William F.
Dutcher, Frank J.
Fisk, Hamblet B.
Gaskill, Lewis B.
Hall, Merrick E.
Hayward, Samuel P.
Kimball, Charles M.
Madden, Sylvester L.
Patrick, Delano
Thayer, Charles M.

We have also had the pleasure of receiving old books and items from Etta Bates/Glendolene Lee that go back into the middle 1800's. Real old songs and poems that we shall include in issues to come.

Again, we appreciate the concern that has led folks to donate these old treasures that are priceless and dear to the hearts of many.

Here's an "oldie" from the above:

"COMIN' THROUGH THE RYE"

Gin a body meet a body
Comin' through the rye,
Gin a body kiss a body,
Need a body cry ?
Every lassie has her laddie--
Ne'er a ane hae I ;
Yet a' the lads they smile at me
When comin' through the rye.

Amang the train there is a swain
I dearly lo'e mysel';
But whaur his hame, or what his name,
I dinna care to tell.

Gin a body meet a body
Comin' frae the town,
Gin a body greet a body,
Need a body frown?
Every lassie has her laddie--
Ne'er a ane hae I;
Yet a' the lads they smile at me
When comin' through the rye."

The author is not listed so all that we can say is that its origin is Scotch. It was a featured song sung by the famous Jenny Lind from Sweden.

A very old book called "Mother Goose's Melodies" was among this treasure chest.

"There was an old woman lived under the HILL,
And, if she's not gone, she lives there still.
Baked apples she sold, and cranberry pies,
And she's the old woman who never told lies."

"CHARLEY loves good cake and ale,
Charley loves good candy,
Charley loves to kiss the girls,
When they are clean and handy! "

South Bellingham Grade 2 1933-1934 Teacher Marguerite F. Moran

Will you please help us to identify the South School pupils on the following pages for the 1933-1934 groups ?

Photos Courtesy Laura Drown

South Bellingham Grade 3 1933-1934 Teacher Gertrude Rhodes

Photos Courtesy Laura Drown

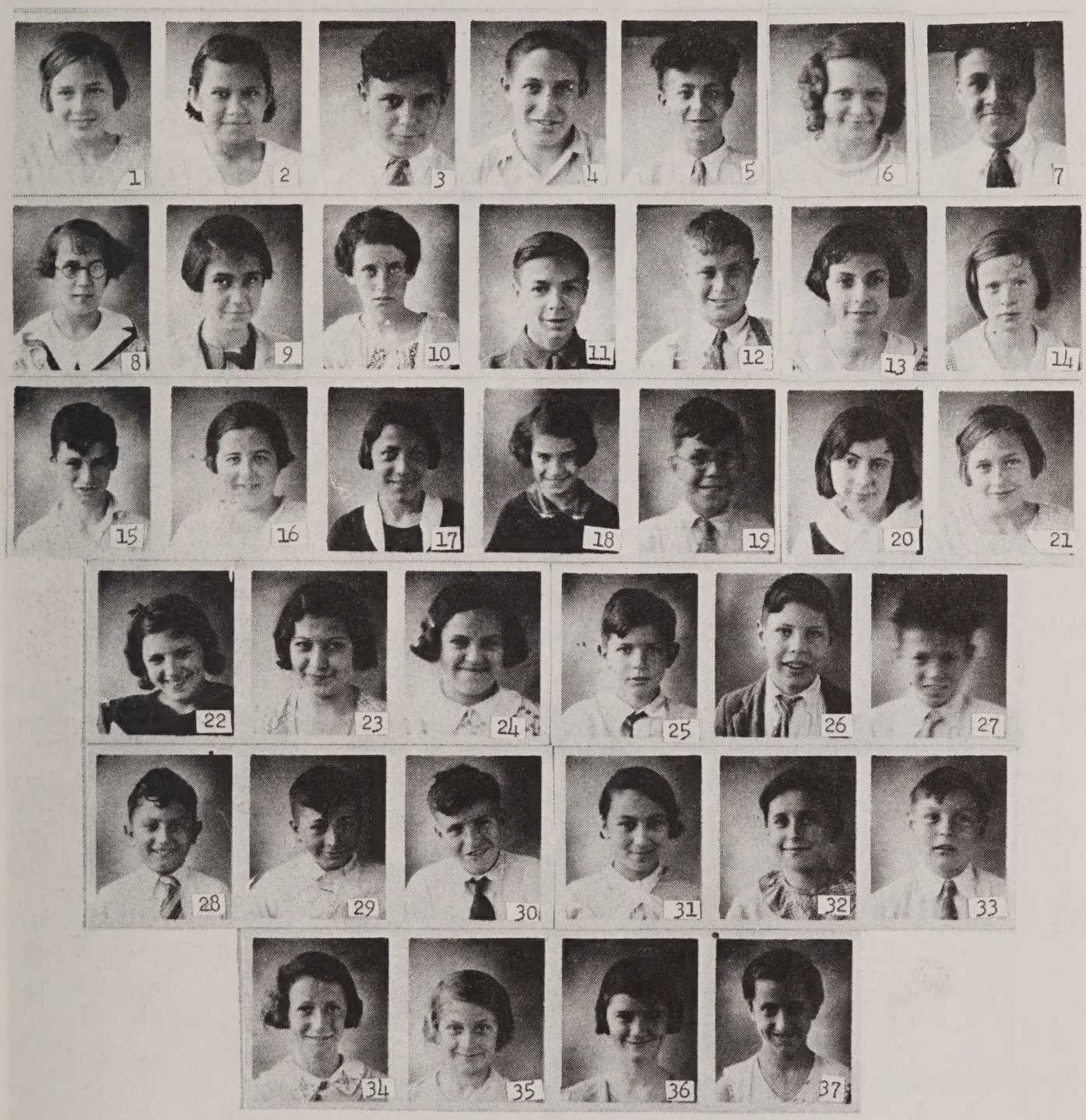
South Bellingham Grade 4 1933-1934 Teacher Mildred Trafton

Photos Courtesy Laura Drown

South Bellingham Grade 5 1933-1934 Teacher Margaret F. Lennon

Photos Courtesy Laura Drown

South Bellingham Grade 6 1933-1934 Teacher Rose C.Cassidy



Photos Courtesy Laura Drown

Town of Bellingham ~ Grammar School Graduation ~ June 1940.

BELLINGHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATION 1940

Front row: 1. Louise Wild; 2, Eunice Aldrich; 3, Mary Malashkevich (Sp); 4, Shirley Darling; 5, ? 6, Lucille Belanger; 7, Janet Whiting; 8, Elaine Levitre; 9, Pauline Sarakin; 10, Pauline Patrick; 11, Thea Rotatori; 12, ? 13, ? 14, Isabell MacDonald; 15, Claire Patrick.

Second row: 1, ? 2, Jean Buckley; 3, Marjorie Lakeman; 4, Jeanne Valliant; 5, ? 6, Helen Piche; (?) 7, Martha Sanborn; 8, Anna Dobbie; 9, Elizabeth Thomas; 10, Kathryn Feeney; 11, Grace Slavin; 12, Jeanne Thayer; 13, Shirley Ramsdell; 14, Mary Ella deJony; 15, Halsey Staples.

Third row: 1, Lucian Carrier; 2, Arthur Plecker; 3, Robert Boudreau; 4, Roland Robidoux; 5, Edward Glowka; 6, ? 7, Daniel Breen; 8, ? 9, ? 10, Joseph Petrosky; 11, ? 12, John Brown.

Top row: 1, ? 2, ? 3, Joseph Marchand; 4, Robert Dupre; 5, Norman Arnold; 6, Wallace Reid; 7, Lloyd Brown; 8, Walter Pratt; 9, Leonard Lakeman; 10, Charles Perrault; 11, ? 12, Leo Gaudette (?); 13, Ridge.

Missing names of those who graduated from the High School in 1944: (not identified.) Samuel Bagdasarian, Lillian Daigle, Colleen Delaney, Lucille Dubois, Helen Fabian, Veronica Gariepy, Phyllis Hannah, Lois Knott, William Nicholson, Lois Pickering, Roland Robidoux, Jacqueline Ruhland. Please let us know if you can identify the missing ones so that we may publish them later on. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth (Thomas) Wright.

SOME FUNNY BREAKS IN ADVERTISING

WANTED - A furnished room by an old lady with electric lights.

WANTED - A room by a young gentleman with both kinds of gas.

WANTED - A room by a young gentleman with double doors.

WANTED - A man to take care of horses who can speak German.

WANTED - Saleslady in corsets and under flannels.

WANTED - Ladies to sew buttons on the second story of Smith and Brown Building.

WANTED - A dog by a little boy with pointed ears.

WANTED - A nice young man to run a pool-room out of town.

WANTED - A boy who can open oysters with reference.

WANTED - Experienced nurse for a bottled baby.

WANTED - An organist and boy to blow same.

WANTED - A boy to be inside and partly outside the counter.

WANTED - A room for two young gentlemen about 20 ft. long and 20 ft. broad.

WANTED - by a respectable girl, her passage to New York, willing to take care of children and a sailor.

WANTED - A cow by an old lady with crumpled horns.

WANTED - A furnished room by a lady about 16 ft. square.

FOR SALE - A farm by an old gentleman without out-buildings.

FOR SALE - A nice mattress by an old lady full of feathers.

FOR SALE - A piano by a young lady with mahogany legs who is going abroad in a strong iron frame.

FOR SALE - A nice large dog, will eat anything, very fond of children.

LOST - A green lady's leather pocket book.

From Inquirer/Mirror, June 1911. Courtesy Paul Russell.

BELLINGHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
Bellingham, Massachusetts 02019

FIRST CLASS MAIL

In Memoriam

HENRY W. PICKERING

—o—

TOWN OFFICIAL
AND
CIVIL WAR VETERAN

—o—

Born 1841 **Died 1928**

PERRY GOLDTHWAITE, JR.

—o—

MEMBER OF
THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
1927 — 1928

—o—

Born 1882 **Died 1928**

In Memoriam

GEORGE F. GRANT

The first Chief and Organizer of the Bellingham Fire Department

Selectman

Forest Fire Warden

Born October 14, 1871 — — Died March 7, 1932

In Memoriam

—o—

CARROLL E. WHITE

Who served the Town of Bellingham long and well in the following capacities:

Selectman,
Member of the School Committee,
Member of the Overseers of Poor,
Assessor,
Inspector of Slaughtering, Animals, and Milk.

Born Sept. 5, 1858. Died Sept. 7, 1929.

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In memory of another "fan" who left us on Jan.20th, Helen Calzone. She did so enjoy our "Comments" and the Bellingham folk that she knew well. (From Milford.) On the 22nd of January, Shelley Davis Vincent, Mendon, passed away. He, too, was very interested in our "news". They will be missed as more 'vacant' chairs arrive.

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In Memoriam

JOSAPHAT O. BERNIER

TOWN MODERATOR IN 1934
WORLD WAR VETERAN

Born July 20, 1891 Died Jan. 4, 1936